

Revelations

Sharon Center United Methodist Newsletter

April 2019



Forever Family,

As I write this, the sun is bright, and the sky is clear. It's warmer these days, each week bringing a few more glimpses of Spring – or maybe I'm just wishing it were so. Did you know that God is like sunshine? 2 Samuel 23:4 says, "He is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth." What a glorious picture God at sunrise, the rays of the sun shining like the glory of God. I always feel better when the sun is shining, even if I can't be outside.

Once again, we are taking this Lenten journey to the resurrection. I've taken this path before, but each time it's different, or perhaps I'm different. Each time we make this journey our faith grows – or it should grow – as we flex our faith muscles and open our eyes wider to the ways that God is present in our lives, in our community, in our world. We open our hearts more to the Holy Spirit. What are you noticing? Are you seeing God at work in your life?

Spiritual disciplines help us to growth closer to Christ. Prayer, journaling, reading your Bible, meditating on Scripture, prayer walking, and silence are all intentional ways that we focus our thoughts on God and open ourselves to hear from Him. Lent is a good time to use these tools to prepare our hearts for Resurrection Sunday.

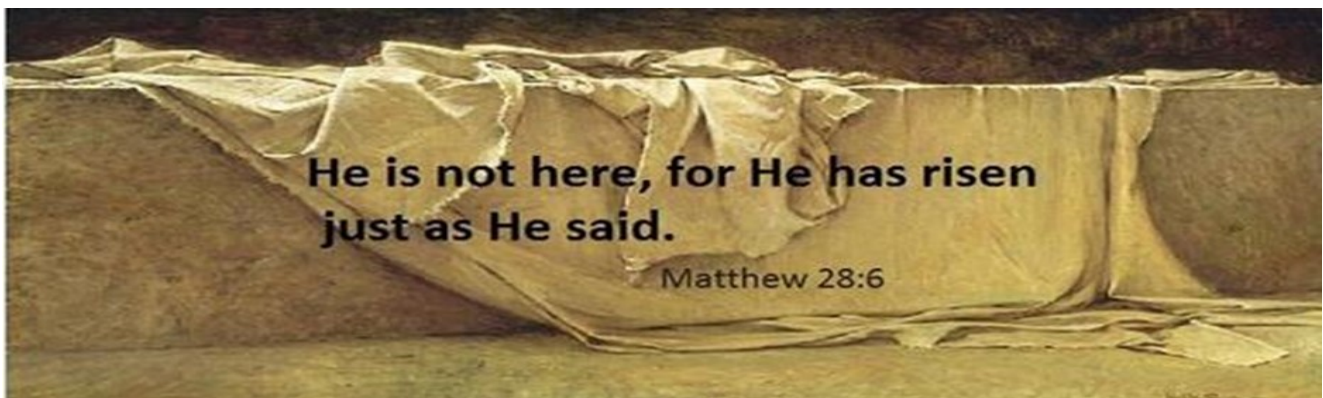
Palm Sunday is April 14 and you won't want to miss the children's Palm parade during Worship. During Holy Week we will gather for Maundy Thursday service with a special communion celebration; Good Friday we'll have a service of darkness, and Resurrection Sunday will begin with early morning Worship at Greenleaf Park, followed by Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall and Celebration at 10:30 AM. I hope all our forever family will be there!

May the Lord bless you.

Pastor Jane

Did Someone Hand You This Newsletter?

If so, we're excited to share with you all the things going on in the life of Sharon Center United Methodist Church! Our church is a community that seeks to discover more about God and about who we are as the people God loves. We are truly a family of all ages, and there's always room for more! You're always invited to take part in all the activities and gatherings listed in this newsletter, as well as to join us every Sunday morning at 10:30am as we gather to worship and connect. Thanks!



A Note from the Choir Director

Children's Choir

Hello! We will be rehearsing on Sun. April 7 and singing on Sun. April 14. April 14 is our Palm Sunday Palm Processional. We need all the children we can get that day to lead us in that great Palm Sunday parade! All children are welcome to join us!

Bell Choir

Bell Choir will perform on April 7 during the service. Our practices will be March 30 and April 6 at 9a.

Adult Choir

Our choir meets on select Thursday evenings throughout the church year. Our next rehearsals are: April 4, 11 at 7p and April 18 following the Maundy Thursday Service. They will be singing on April 7, 18, 19, 21, We are always looking for more singers! All are welcome!

All Choirs Dates to Remember:

Adult Choir Practice: Thursdays, April 4, 11 - 7pm.; April 18 - 8p

Bell Choir Practice: Mar. 30, April 6 9a

Children's Choir Practice: April 7 During Sunday School

~ Millie Frambaugh

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Join us Monday, May 27, from 7a-11a for our annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast.

The meal is by donation and all proceeds are donated to the Highland Community Support Network for families in need. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year!

If you'd like to help with the breakfast, contact Bob Mravetz



Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request? Someone having surgery, testing, court date, difficult decision or just want some prayer? We have a dedicated group of prayer warriors that want to pray for you. Please send a text to (330) 321-4700, send a message on Facebook Messenger or call /email the office. We want to lift each other up to the throne of mercy for healing, help and hope!

Sharon Showcase

We will be participating in the annual Sharon Showcase festival on Sat. June 1. We will be sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and some sweet desserts. Look for a sign up coming soon. Mark your calendar!

Calendar

Regular Schedule:

Sun. 9a Adult Sunday School
10:30a Worship

April

2nd	10:30a	Prayer Shawl Grp
	7p	<i>Simon Peter</i> Study
4th	10a	<i>Soul Keeping</i> Study
	7p	Choir Practice
6th	8:30a	Men's Breakfast
	9a	Bells Practice
	10a	Book Club
7th		Adult Choir Sings
		Bells Sing
		Children's Choir Practice
9th	7p	<i>Simon Peter</i> Study
11th	10a	<i>Soul Keeping</i> Study
	7p	Choir Practice
14th		Palm Sunday
		Easter Flower Orders Due
		Children's Choir Sings
18th	11:30a	Lunch Bunch
	7p	Maundy Thursday Service
19th	7p	Good Friday Service
20th		Community Easter Egg Hunt @ Sharon Community Park
21st	7a	Sunrise Service @ Greenleaf Park
	8:30a	Easter Breakfast
	10:30a	Easter Service
		Adult Choir Sings
23rd	7p	<i>Life You've Always Wanted</i> Study
30th	7p	<i>Life You've Always Wanted</i> Study

Easter Week

Service Schedule

Palm Sunday	10:30a
Maundy Thursday	7p
Good Friday	7p

Sunrise Service (Greenleaf Park)	7a
Easter Breakfast (at Sharon Center UMC)	8:30a
Traditional Service (at Sharon Center UMC)	10:30a

April Birthdays

- 1 - Josh Courtright
- 3 - Lois Berry
- 5 - Debra Russell
- 6 - Jeannette Swires
- 10 - Bobbie Davis
Cora Breese
- 12 - Quinton Brady
- 13 - George Wemmer
Zach Laird
- 17 - Veronica Shaw
Randy Eales
- 23 - Donna Nagy
- 24 - Craig Kehres
- 29 - Heather Lahoski

Lunch Bunch

Apr. 18
11:30a

Courtyard Café

7600 Chippewa Rd. Brecksville, OH

The car pool will leave the church at 11am. Please sign up on the sheet located under the bulletin board by the stairs to the balcony. Please let us know if you will be driving on your own. We order our meals from the menu and each person pays for their own meal. Everyone is invited – bring a friend if you wish!

All people are invited to attend the Lunch Bunch. A sign up sheet is available at the church so that the restaurant knows how many are coming. Please join us!

~ Nancy Vogel

Foundations Team

Adult Sunday School

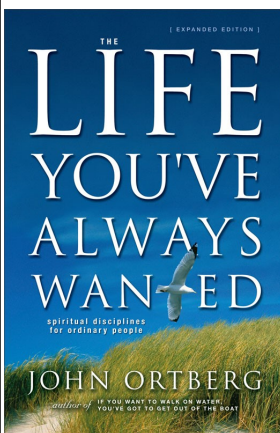
A group of Adults meet at 9:00am each Sunday to study God's word. Pastor Jane Piehl leads these sessions.

On February 24th the group will start the study by Ray Vander Laan titled "God Heard Their Cry" which focuses on how we can find "freedom in the midst of life's trials".

Feel free to join us at anytime, as it is not necessary to be in attendance for all sessions.

Spiritual Growth Discussions

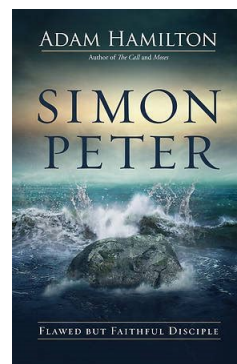
The study for Lent will be *Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton. This 6 week study will start on Tuesday evenings, March 5, 2019, and will be coordinated by Nancy Vogel.



April 23rd Rev Phil Raynes will coordinate a six-week study by John Ortberg titled **The Life You've Always Wanted**. This study focuses on spiritual disciplines for ordinary people who want a relationship with God the impacts every aspect of our daily lives.

Please join us for the studies. We meet in the church Conference Room. All are welcome.

~ Nancy Vogel



New Member's Class

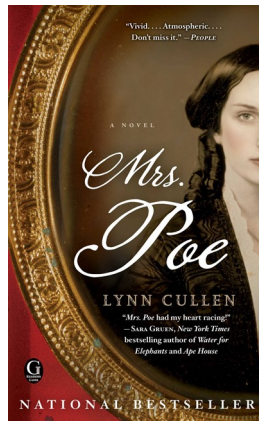
Thinking of joining Sharon Center UMC in a more formal way? Join us for a gathering of persons who would like to know more about the United Methodist Church or are interested in becoming a member. This is an informal gathering for anyone who has been attending for a while is new and would like more information. We'll meet on Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room. Let Pastor Jane know you are coming at (330) 321-4700.



Book Club

April 6th, *Mrs. Poe* by: Lynn Cullen.

"Inspired by literature's most haunting love triangle, award-winning author Lynn Cullen delivers a pitch-perfect rendering of Edgar Allan Poe, his mistress's tantalizing confession, and his wife's frightening obsession in this new masterpiece of historical fiction".



May 4th *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by: Elizabeth Berg

The review says that this is a "beautiful and moving novel of compassion in the face of loss, of the small acts that turn friends into family, and of the possibilities to achieve happiness at any age".

The Book Club meets on the first Saturday of the month except for weeks with holidays when it meets the second Saturday of the month. Feel free to join us and bring a friend if you wish.

~Nancy Vogel

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School Planning is underway. Sharon Center is teaming up with St Paul Lutheran again this year to put on "ROAR! Life is wild, God is good!"

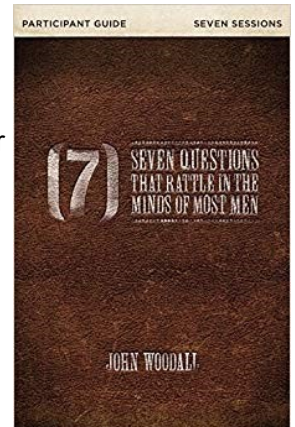
It's being held Mon. June 24-Fri. June 28 this year, a little different from past years but same time with dinner served at 5:30PM and the program running from 6:00-8:00PM. Sharon Center will be providing the dinners on Tuesday and Thursday nights and will be in charge of planning and leading the Game Station and Pre-School Class as well as doing the opening and closing skit. We will need some help this year since the June date conflicted with others schedules and they won't be available. Also in the past we borrowed VBS decorations from other churches who did it before us. We won't have that this year so we will need some help decorating. If you have "Lion Kingy" type decorations, props, or ideas please let us know. ~ Paul Turner



Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, April 6. We are on the final session.

Sometimes it seems as though everyone wants something from you - your wife, your kids, your boss, and maybe even God. The pressures of manhood can be enormous, and they're only intensified by the mixed messages you receive from culture. Seven Questions That Rattle in the Minds of Most Men is a small group experience that enables you to explore God's design for manhood.



Where Am I?

What's My Story?

Who Am I?

Why Am I Here?

Where Am I Going?

What About Women?

Who Can I Trust?

We will meet Apr.6.
8:30AM-10AM.

We are thinking about having a breakfast on Saturday May 4th at a restaurant followed by a service project. Bring some ideas of what we can do.

~ Paul Turner

Pantry Pick of the Month

Pantry Pick of the Month: APRIL 2019

Let's bless the pantry with pasta in all shapes and sizes! Just add an extra box or two to your grocery cart and bring it to church with you on

Sunday. Spaghetti, rigatoni, shells, macaroni and more! Let's bless the pantry with lots of pasta! In January the pantry served 54 families and 191 people with groceries. There is truly a need in our community!



Summer Camp

Summer Camp programs are available for youth in grades 1-12 at Camp Aldersgate, Asbury, and Wanake. Check out the program flyer on the bulletin board for more information!



Easter Flower Order Form

Please help us decorate our sanctuary for Easter morning by purchasing Spring Flowers. Once the Easter Service is over, you may take them home with you. Flowers may be purchased in Honor of, Celebration of, or Memory of those you love. This year we will be ordering Daffodils, Tulips, Lilies, Hydrangeas, Hyacinths, Mums, and Begonias

Lilies	\$9.25	Quantity ordered _____
Daffodils	\$8.25	Quantity ordered _____
Tulips	\$8.25	Quantity ordered _____
Hydrangeas	\$18	Quantity ordered _____
Begonias	\$9	Quantity ordered _____
Mums	\$9	Quantity ordered _____
Hyacinths	\$8.25	Quantity ordered _____

Orders are due by April 14th to ensure adequate supply. Please fill out the following form and return to the office, the collection plate, or Nancy Baldwin with payment included.

In Honor of _____

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

The prices vary on the products, so please make sure when you take your flowers after Easter services, that you take what you ordered.

Weather Emergencies Update Relating to Sharon Center UMC

At the recent Admin Board meeting, there was discussion regarding some of the weather emergencies that Medina County has experienced this year, such as the sudden severe snowstorm, and recent high wind emergency. As a safety measure, should snow or other extreme weather conditions occur in Medina County that generate an official Level 2 or above emergency situation, all meetings, activities, and Worship services on that day or evening will be cancelled at Sharon Center UMC for the safety of all concerned. Should an official Level 1 snow or weather emergency situation be in effect, the church will remain open for Worship services, activities, and meetings, and the decision to hold activities or attend them will be made by those involved in the activities or meetings.

If you are wondering how to tell if there is a Level 2 or Level 1 weather emergency, the Medina County Sheriff's Office places weather alerts on their Facebook page. Several local TV and radio stations post severe weather alerts, and a free service is offered by Medina County Emergency Management Agency (phone: 330-722-9240). Residents can sign up by phone or online for their weather notification service. Then in the event of a local emergency, an alert will be sent by phone call, text message, and / or e-mail. An optional weather warning service will alert subscribers when a weather warning is issued by the National Weather Service.



Youth Group

LAUNCH IN THE FALL OF 2019 – UMYF at Sharon Center UMC! We are looking for Youth interested in joining us for fellowship and more beginning in September. The UMYF will meet on Sunday evenings twice a month with special events planned throughout the year. More information to come!



Easter Services

Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service @ 7a

(Greenleaf Park)

Breakfast at Church @ 8:30a

Traditional Service @ 10:30a

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